

From: Bob LeVitus
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 11/27/01 8:28am
Subject: Microsoft anti-trust comments

Dear Department of Justice,

I've just read the news on the proposed one billion dollar settlement with Microsoft.

As I understand the deal, this seems to me to be very much in favor of Microsoft. In addition to few to no changes to their behavior, a portion of the punishment is, in fact, a real benefit to them. The resolution including the dissemination of their software and compatible hardware, training to use their products, and loads of their often bundled software, seems to fly in the face of the very point of the trial.

They have been declared a monopoly for illegal tactics that were specifically meant to increase their market share, for bundling products for free to get market share, and for illegally blocking other's products to gain market share, and now, a good portion of the settlement specifically increases their market share of both the OS and their bundled products.

I believe this settlement should be declined. It does nothing to address their behavior and will not change it in the future, allowing them to continue to bilk the public.

Please don't let them get away with it.

Regards,

Bob

Bob LeVitus * Writer and raconteur
boblevitus@boblevitus.com * <http://www.boblevitus.com>

CC:
microsoftcomments@doj.ca.gov
attorney.general@po.state.ct.us
ag@oag.state.fl.us
webteam@ag.state.ia.us
GENERAL@ksag.org
tom.reilly@ago.state.ma.us
attorney.general@state.mn.us
uag@att.state.ut.us
consumer@mail.wvnet.edu

CC: microsoftcomments@doj.ca.gov@inetgw,attorney.gener...